

THE CHAMPION

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ARCADIA, FLORIDA, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 7, 1908.

No. 19

MONTHLY MEETING

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR MAY

Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County met in office in Arcadia, Fla. on 7th, 1908. Present, C. L. Holzen, chairman, R. L. Holzen, H. Concannon, D. J. Farah, D. S. Williams.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurer is hereby instructed to transfer \$12.45 from road No. 6 to District No. 5. Application of Enoch H. is hereby given that the place of Venus Precinct be moved from the residence of J. J. to the School house in precinct.

County Treasurer is hereby instructed to transfer \$39.81 from No. 1 to district No. 3.

L. M. Richardson is hereby authorized a reduction of \$200 in valuation taxes of 1907 in accordance with 7th paragraph Sec. 431 of Statutes of Florida.

It is hereby recommended to the controller that Wm. R. Altman, administrator of estate of W. T. be allowed to redeem the land described land at a value of \$1000.

1/4 ne 1/4 nw 1/4 Sec. 21, and 1/4 sw 1/4, less 6 1/2 acres in ne 1/4 sec. 16 all in Tp. 33 S. R.

S. Johnson Jr., Geo. Noland, R. Fugate blazers, report the following described property: Beginning on the Ogden and Arcadia road it makes the curve in block at Ogden and continue said road parallel with the rail road to the nw 1/4 of ne 1/4 Sec. 18, S. R. 24 E., thence in a westerly direction to the intersection of the present road. One acre is owned by A. S. Johnson Jr., Ogden, Fla., to post and one acre at Court House door.

The following pension applications were presented and approved: Board: Wm. A. Heard, B. Boggess, Nancy A. Brooks, W. Williams and Mrs. P. English.

(Continued Next Week)

J. J. Granger Dead

News that J. J. Granger died Tuesday night came as a shock to his relatives and friends in DeSoto county. He was in Arcadia driving his horse the day before his death, looking shockingly pale and weak. He had been in a decline several months with constant cough, but no one had thought he so near.

Funeral was held at Joshua Morgan, undertaker, on Wednesday afternoon, May 6, at 2 o'clock.

Granger was a man of fine character who has often served as clerk of DeSoto county. He has been of late years living on a farm at Gadiyer.

His widow is a daughter of the late Capt. R. C. Hendry, and he has four children who with their mother mourn his death. He was in his early prime as to years, and his death of Mr. Granger occurred at Mrs. R. C. Hendry's.

Little Local

White held...

Mrs. M. A. Raulerson and daughter, Miss Edith, are visiting relatives at Plant City.

Moses Howell and "Judge" Albritton, of Pine Level, were here Sunday.

Albert Abbott, of Ft. Green, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Annie Albritton is attending the sing at Gardner.

I. N. Lane and wife, after spending several weeks at this place, have returned to their home at Zolfo.

Mrs. J. T. Stephens is just home from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Rye and Ft. Green.

J. E. Raulerson made a business trip to Lakeland and Tampa last week.

Will Stephens and family, of Castalia, attended church here Sunday.

Miss Vashtia Albritton spent last week with her sister at Ona.

Miss Bertie Lane is on the sick list this week.

Postmaster J. T. Stephens is now provided with postal money order facilities, which is a great convenience to our community.

We had a nice rain here Tuesday and a light shower again tonight.

H. L. Hollingsworth, of Brownville, was a prominent visitor here Sunday.

State Senator Jos. H. Humphries is to address the people here tonight.

May 4, 1908.

Ladies Friday Musicales

The Ladies Friday Musicales met with Mrs. W. E. Robertson at Mrs. T. B. King's, Friday, May 1, 1908. The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo, "Nocturne" ... Op 9 Chopin
Mrs. C. C. Chollar

Vocal Solo, "Anchored" ... Watson
Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth

Piano Solo, "Love's Menu" ... Tyers
Mrs. C. Y. Crawford

Vocal Solo, "Newcomb Toast" ... Harris
Mrs. D. L. McSwain

Piano Solo, "Invitation to the Valse" ...
Mrs. S. J. Simmons

Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. W. H. Seward, Friday, May 8, 1908, at five o'clock.

Mrs. C. Y. Crawford, Secretary.

St. Edmunds Church

Rev. R. Stahley, Rector
Services every Sunday
Third Sunday after Easter
9:45 a. m. Sunday School

11:00 a. m. Morning Prayer

Sermon

7:15 p. m. Evening Prayer

Sermon

High School Closing Exercises

It is with regret that THE CHAMPION allows the rush of political matter to crowd out an account of the closing exercises of the DeSoto County High School part of which have already taken place. The concert Friday evening by the classes of Music and Expression. The exercises and exhibits Wednesday and Monday mornings and Wednesday night were well worthy of lengthy mention. The exercises tonight will be at the Opera House by the Intermediate Department, Friday night by the high school, and a play Shakespeare's, "Comedy of Errors," by the class of Expression and High School, on Saturday night at the Opera House. All of these entertainments will repay you for your attendance. All are free except the play when 35c, 25c and 15c.

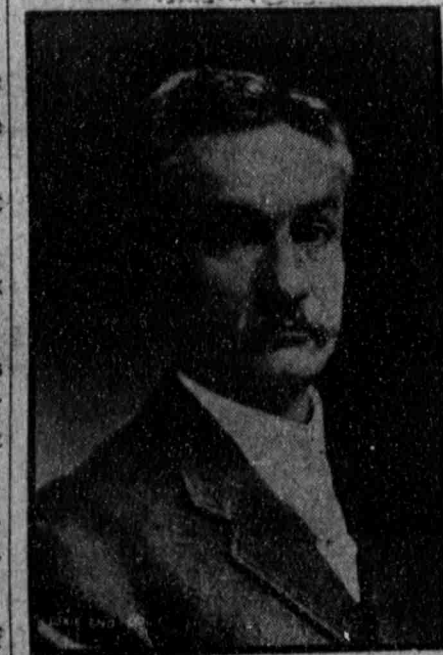
JNO. N. C. STOCKTON

OUR NEXT GOVERNOR SPEAKS AT ARCADIA

The Hon. Jno. N. C. Stockton, candidate for governor of Florida, visited Arcadia on Wednesday of this week, and at 2:30 p. m. addressed an appreciative audience of citizens at the court house.

Mayor Burton introduced the speaker, who then gave his views on the several topics, temperance, drainage, railroads, taxation, schools and state institutions etc.

Mr. Stockton's temperance record is well known to those who



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know the man, but for those who do not he read the testimony of a well known Jacksonville attorney in refuting a report that he had favored Sunday open saloons in Jacksonville immediately after the fire. Mr. Stockton made a short temperance speech full of sense and logic.

On drainage Mr. Stockton said he felt like hedging and yet he would not, for drainage was a simple business proposition, and he would—if elected governor, treat it as such. The everglades are school lands and if on investigation he decides that it would be best to prosecute the work as begun by Governor Broward and that the cost will not be greater than the value of land would be enhanced then he should deem it his duty to drain those lands for the benefit of the school funds. He assured his hearers that no DeSoto county lands would or could be taxed to drain the Everglades.

The use of the state railroad commission he explained showing that much as we still needed relief in that direction, conditions for the shipper and the traveling public had altered considerably for the better, due to the efforts of the railroad commission.

Who runs the national government was in a few sentences told by Mr. Stockton. He says it is the tariff pays the bills and we pay the tariff. So it all comes out of the people by taxation.

Mr. Stockton paid his respects to his opponents, mainly by refuting the stories they had caused to be circulated about him, and also introduced some legislative records showing how they each had voted with the corporations or else refused to vote on a measure against the people and for the corporations.

Mr. Stockton is a pleasant talker, and uses such logical logic and has such a bright, intelligent face

that he carries conviction to his hearers. It was very evident that his audience appreciated his remarks as their frequent applause testified. A considerable number of our most influential citizens were present and signified their approval by vigorous applause. A strong wave of sentiment in favor of Mr. Stockton, that will undoubtedly result in many votes for him on May 19 is sweeping old DeSoto from end to end. It looks mighty good to us.

Orphanage Notes

We are having mumps. We have them slowly. Only one, two or three at once, and some one or two weeks we have no case at all between cases. We have had only three patients who felt like staying in bed.

The children are doing good work in school. We are looking forward with pleasure to getting into our new school building. Work is detained by material not being shipped. We hope however to be ready to dedicate it at the meeting of the Annual State Convention of the B. Y. P. U. which meets with the Arcadia Baptist Church in June. It will be a very pretty building when finished. The boys are delighted that their dormitory will be upstairs of it. They tell the girls that it is their building and that they must stay away from it. The girls reply, "All right, the dining room is in ours and you stay away from ours." Of course the boys give in and agree for the girls to come over to school.

When our friends are gathering and shipping vegetables we would appreciate the culls. Do not hesitate with the feeling that you do not like to send culls. They will be a great help to us now. We do not like to admit it, that we have very few vegetables. We, as a rule, have an abundance, some to sell and to give away, but we have not this spring. The boys have worked as faithfully, between school hours, but the extreme dry weather has been hard on our garden. The garden is the biggest part of our living. Mr. Will Scott has given us a quantity of cabbage and beans and Mr. O. S. Harris some squash. A crate of tomatoes and some other vegetables.

Come to see us. We repeat it that we are the largest, busiest and happiest family any where.
Mother Bean.

The Unknown Tongues

Doctor DeHavens, of Louisville, Ky. while visiting in Arcadia recently attended the Pentacostal meeting one night and was greatly impressed by what she saw and heard. She gives as her opinion, based on sound reasons, that the preacher is what is known among spiritualists as a medium, and his followers and himself, altho' unconscious of the fact, are really possessed of mischievous spirits that make these people talk unknown tongues. The tongues given to the early apostles were that they might reach their audiences which were composed of men of various nations.

This seems to us to be altogether a reasonable explanation of what is a mystery to many. It is undoubtedly true that the people of the Pentacostal band are honest, well meaning people, who do not understand why they are speaking in tongues that are as unknown to their hearers as to themselves.

PURELY POLITICAL

STRAY EDITORIAL THOUGHTS FOR OUR READERS

For Attorney General vote for Park M. Trammel, of Lakeland. He is a South Florida man, VOTE FOR HIM!

Our young friend M. E. Albritton seems sure of election as he has no opposition. He is a fine young man whom we will be glad to see elected.

T. L. Bates, of Bunker, is one of the best men in the county and we hope our friends will roll up a good majority for him for county commissioner District 2 on May 19.

Better get on the "band wagon" General it is nearly primary time and a long walk from Punta Gorda to Tallahassee. Besides when you get thirsty you can have plenty of good water to drink.

We know of several instances where A. C. Croom, as comptroller, has saved the state money that another man would have been likely to overlook. We see no reason why he should not be re-elected.

THE CHAMPION wants to see a good business man like G. S. Hollingsworth on our next board of county commissioners. He has some ideas of his own and will give the county the benefit if elected.

We don't care whether Senator Humphries lost his hat at the Browne banquet at Key West or at the Ocala "coming out" convention or where else, he is the only really temperance candidate running for State Senator from this section.

J. H. Reese, the associate editor of the Tallahassee Sun, is a candidate for the state at large as delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Denver. Mr. Reese is a bright young editor.

Wanted for J. J. Bryan.

When you hear a man, who is particularly active in denouncing Governor Broward, ask him: "What job did you want and failed to get?" If he was formerly a Broward man it is safe to bet that he is against him now because he did not get a job. That is the only reason some men have for opposing and belittling the chief executive.
—Miami Metropolis.

We have watched numerous political campaigns and cannot recall a single instance where the candidate who brought out slanderous circulars against his opponent during the last days of the campaign reaped success to himself, on the other hand it has invariably damaged his cause to the benefit of his opponent. We have seen this worked out when the candidate who brought out the circulars was really the better man of the two. The public demands fair play and resents underhand methods to secure votes.

Next thing they will be passing laws to keep Uncle Joe Cannon muzzled when John Sharp Williams is around.